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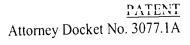
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the December 17, 2002 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring a restriction election between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-23, are drawn to a method of manufacturing and testing,
  - classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.
- II. Claim 24, is drawn to a method of preparing the surface of

substrate by depositing xilene, drawn to, classified in class 437,

subclass 225.

Applicants hereby elect the claim in Group II (claim 24), without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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